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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATIONS ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

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1. GOM APPARENTLY MISINFORMED ABOUT LOCATION OF INS DETENTION CENTERS. THE THREE CAMPS OPERATED BY INS ARE AT EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA; EL PASO, TEXAS; AND LOS FRESNOS, TEXAS, THE LATTER ABOUT 25 MILES NORTH OF BROWNSVILLE AND CALLED THE PORT ISABEL DETENTION FACILITY.

2. OFFICE SPACE AT EACH FACILITY HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR USE OF THE MEXICAN CONSUL ASSIGNED THERETO. THIS SPACE MUST ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO CONSULS OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE EVENT THAT IT SHOULD BE REQUIRED, BUT IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE MEXICAN CONSUL WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL, IF NOT EXCLUSIVE, USER.

3. THERE IS A STAGING AREA OPERATED BY INS LOCATED NEXT TO THE BORDER PATROL HEADQUARTERS AT CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, WHERE ALIENS BEING PROCESSED REMAIN FOR A VERY SHORT TIME. FOREIGN CONSULS NOW HAVE ACCESS TO THIS FACILITY, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND IF GOM WANTS TO STATION CONSUL THERE, IT IS FREE TO

DO SO.

4. OFFICERS DESIGNATED LIAISON WITH MEXICAN CONSULS AT THE FACILITIES LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ARE:

- A. GLEN E. PICKETT, EL CENTRO
- B. GENE WOOD, EL PASO
- C. LEON HATTENBACK, PORT ISABEL.

ALL OF ABOVE HAVE TITLES OF SUPERVISORY DETENTION AND DEPORTATION OFFICERS.

5. INS REQUESTS NAMES OF CONSULS SELECTED FOR ASSIGNMENTS TO DETENTION CAMPS SO THAT INS DISTRICT DIRECTORS MAY BE APPROPRIATELY INFORMED.

6. ACTING COMMISSIONER INS CONCURS IN EMBASSY'S POSITION RELATED PARAGRAPH 5 REFTEL THAT "WHAT IS NEEDED IS MORE ACTIVITY IN PURSUING AGREEMENTS ALREADY MADE." EMBASSY SHOULD SUGGEST TO BARONA LOBATO USEFULNESS OF USG OFFICIALS KNOWING THE NAMES, TITLES, AND ADDRESSES OF GOM OFFICIALS WHO SHOULD BE CONTACTED IN ORDER TO EXCHANGE OR REPORT INFORMATION CONCERNING ILLEGAL RECRUITERS, TRAFFICKERS, AND SMUGGLERS OF ALIENS, AND VENDORS OF FRAUDULENT DOCUMENTS. ROGERS

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